Restructuring of the Office of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports

1135. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-structure and re-organise the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports and its Regional Offices consequent on the implementation of the New Trade Policy;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what will be the functions of the re-organised office and the strength thereof; and

(d) whether there will be any surplus staff and if so, how are they likely to be adjusted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Proposal to re-organise/restructure the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports is under consideration. It is proposed to make this organisation export promotion oriented. The details, methodology and time frame are being worked out.

Impact of New Trade Policy on Trade with U.S.S.R. and East European Countries

1136. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Trade Policy is likely to boost our exports to U.S.S.R. and other East European countries;

(b) if so, what is the estimated increase in trade; and

(c) what has been the balance of trade with each of these countries so far during 1991-92 and to what extent it is expected to be favourable in the remaining part of 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) It is difficult at this stage to accurately assess the estimated increase in trade as also the position in the remaining part of 1991-92 because of the political and economic changes taking place in USSR and some other countries in East Europe.

(c) The latest trade statistics for 1991-92 for each of the East European country are as under:—

(April-May, 1991) (Rs. in Crores)

Name of the Country	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade
Bulgaria	1·00	6.42	—5·42
Czechoslovakia	36·61	24·80	+11·71
Hungary	27·62	10·34	+17·28
Poland	40·52	19.10	+21·42
USSR	583·80	475·68	+108.12
Yugoslavia	10·43	22·31	—11·88
Romania	19·58	9·21	+10·37